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Bob - FYI

Recall I gave you a
package (last week) from
(IC Staff). It

had to do with pulling
together info for Rich Beck
in the IC Crisis Checklist.

Attached, FYI, is the
response I sent him.

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

CIPC/IC Staff

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FROM : Chief, Current Support Group
OCPAS/DDI/CIA

SUBJECT : Crisis Management

1. Per your request, the attached summary of the CIA Operations Center's mission, organization and functions is provided for incorporation into Section III of the paper you are pulling together for Richard Beal.

2. In your 19 May memorandum on this subject, you suggested an approach and a basic framework and asked for comments. I think what you are doing is on the right track, but I would like to offer a few observations:

--The format you have established for Section II (Community components) and Section III (Agency centers) will provide a useful compilation for all of us regarding the structure and functions of the various Community components.

--I am not sure, however, to what extent this approach focuses on crisis management activities. It does, however, reflect the reality that the various Community components--especially the Operations Centers--are doing the same type of activity 24 hours/day. A crisis does not consume the activities of a given center--each must continue to watch and worry about activities worldwide; rather, additional resources are marshalled and dedicated to follow any crisis through to its resolution. These task forces maintain close contact with their respective operations centers both for information and as a way of coordinating with other agencies (although direct communication is usually established between task force analysts and collectors in the different agencies).

--I am not sure of the value of Section I. While it may be a useful covering memo for you to provide Rich Beal, I don't see it fitting in a binder describing our respective activities.

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--Finally, I am not sure what has become of an IC crisis checklist. If one can be prepared, it would seem to be useful (not only to Beal, but to all of us). Perhaps this is something Dave McManis might undertake. This would be a good Section I to be followed by the Sections II and III as they are evolving.

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3. I have asked [redacted] our Senior Current Intelligence Officer, to be the focal point for all crisis management and warning matters. He can be reached on [redacted]
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Attachment:As stated

CC:David Y. McManis

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